

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE--EXAMINING GROUP 2618**

Attorney Docket No. 9314-59

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: VanEpps, Jr. et al.

Group Art Unit: 2618

Application No.: 10/723,776

Confirmation No.: 9674

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Examiner: Christian A. Hannon

For: **METHODS, ELECTRONIC DEVICES, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM  
PRODUCTS FOR GENERATING AN ALERT SIGNAL BASED ON A  
SOUND METRIC FOR A NOISE SIGNAL**

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Sir:

Applicants provide the present Response to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed August 11, 2006.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

It is not believed that an extension of time and/or additional fee(s)-including fees for net addition of claims-are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. In the event, however, that an extension of time is necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such an extension is hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a). Any additional fees believed to be due in connection with this paper may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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